

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 385

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Zakiyah E. Walker upon finishing third place in the statewide Boys and Girls Clubs of Tennessee Youth of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Zakiyah E. Walker, who was recently named the 2017 Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a student at Soulsville Charter School, Zakiyah has been a member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis for three years; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs exist to serve youth and to be safe places of encouragement, character building, security, and love for children; and

WHEREAS, since 1947, the Youth of the Year has been the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of club members; and

WHEREAS, Youth of the Year participants embody the values of leadership, service, academic excellence, and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Youth of the Year participants like Zakiyah Walker exemplify the critical impact of Boys and Girls Clubs on the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, through the Youth of the Year program, Zakiyah and other Youth of the Year participants are able to showcase their talents and achievements, share their hopes and dreams, and work toward a bright and positive future; and

WHEREAS, Zakiyah Walker is a shining example that GREAT FUTURES START
HERE—at the Boys and Girls Clubs; and

WHEREAS, Zakiyah recently competed in and was selected as Tennessee's third-place
statewide Boys and Girls Clubs Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall
vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like
Zakiyah Walker, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and who
should be specially recognized for their public and community service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Zakiyah E. Walker upon finishing third place in
the statewide Boys and Girls Clubs of Tennessee Youth of the Year and extend to her our best
wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.